

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 2, starting on line 3, please replace the first full paragraph with the following:

This application is a division of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/302,595, filed November 25, 2002, entitled "VARIABLE DISPLACEMENT ENGINE," which claims the benefit of a U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/425,110, filed November 7, 2002, entitled "VARIABLE DISPLACEMENT ENGINE" which applications ~~are is~~ hereby incorporated by reference herein in their entirety ~~its entirety~~, including but not limited to those portions that specifically appear hereinafter, the incorporation by reference being made with the following exception: In the event that any portion of the above-referenced ~~provisional~~ application ~~applications~~ is inconsistent with this application, this application supercedes said above-referenced ~~provisional~~ application ~~applications~~.